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## COUNCIL PRESIDENT SCOTT PETERS

### First District

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### **Council President Contributes Over \$400,000 to ADA Upgrades**

SAN DIEGO – Council President Scott Peters today announced a plan to devote over \$400,000 in federal grant money to infrastructure upgrades in Council District One, to improve compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (“ADA.”)

As part of the annual Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) allocation process, Peters will spend \$438,100 in FY 08 on curb ramps, audible signals and ADA-accessible doorways in La Jolla, Torrey Pines and University City.

“These improvements to streets, parks and libraries will improve the quality of life for hundreds of families in San Diego,” Peters said. “I’m pleased to be able to use this money to help make the City safer and more accessible to disabled residents.”

Included in Peters’ FY 08 allocations are \$210,000 for the City’s Disability Services Department to install curb ramps and audible pedestrian signals at eight intersections around La Jolla and University City. An additional \$50,000 will fund curb ramps through the San Diego-Imperial Valley Labor Council’s “Safe and Accessible Sidewalks” program.

\$143,000 will fund automatic door openers, restroom upgrades and parking lot improvements at the parks and libraries determined to be most in need by City staff. An additional \$25,000 will help complete ADA upgrades included in the Fire Station 13 renovation project in La Jolla.

Council President Peters announced his CDBG allocations at an event with Mayor Jerry Sanders, who set aside over \$13 million in City funds in FY 08 for similar ADA upgrades across San Diego.

Council District One distributed \$631,014 in CDBG allocations for FY 08. A complete list of Council District One CDBG allocations is available upon request.

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